S. No.	Description of items
34.	Phthalic (Raw materials for synthetic resin)
35.	Citric acid
36.	Lactic acid
37.	Saccharine
38.	Aluminium powder and paste
39.	Cash registers incorporating calculating devices
40.	Duplicating machines
41.	Bidi leaves
42.	Onions.

Illegal trade across Indo-Pak border

136. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the volume of illegal trade across the Indo-Pak border and the smuggling activities between the two countries during the last three years, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) how far the recent trade agreement signed between the two countries is likely to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, no reasonable estimate of the extent of smuggling across the Indo-Pakistan border is feasible.

(b) It is expected that as the trade between the two countries increase and restrictions on trading between private parties of two countries are removed, smuggling on the Indo-Pak border would come down.

Withdrawal of voluntary price control on Vanaspati

137. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the withdrawal of voluntary control on the prices of Vanaspati and whether it will lead to higher prices;

(b) whether prices have gone up as a result thereof;

(c) how do Government propose to keep a watch over its price to ensure adequate availability of Vanaspati at reasonable rates;

(d) whether a code of conduct for the new pattern of pricing and distribution of Vanaspati has been evolved by the Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association; and

(e) if not, what other mechanism has been evolved by Government to protect the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) For minuimising controls and keeping in view the satisfactory availability and reasonable price of vanaspati, the voluntary price agreement was withdrawn in January, 1986.

(b) The prices of vanaspati are, by and large, ruling at a reasonable level. Due to reduction in the percentage incorporation of imported oils and consequent increase in the prices of indigenous oils, a few brands of vanaspati are selling at price slightly higher than those ruling at the time of discontinuance of price agreement.

(c) A watch is being kept at market price of vanaspati through officials of the Director of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and

Fats and with the help of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(d) Not to our knowledge.

(e) Remedial measures, including effective supply management of imported oils will be taken to ensure adequate availability and reasonable prices for consumers.

Development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

138. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to develop tourism in the Jammu and Kashmir especially in the Valley during the last three years; and

(b) whether the Central Government propose to develop some tourist resorts in the State during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Central Government has taken up the following schemees to develop tourism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years:

(1) Flood lighting at Hariparbat.

(2) Purchase of skiing equipments.

(3) Commencement of the construction of the building of Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering at Gulmarg through India Tourism Development Corporation.

(4) Purchase of trekking equipments.

(5) Provision of facilities at Bagh-i-Bahu at Jammu. Also, the Hotel Corporation of India completed the Lake View Centaur Hotel at Srinagar, and the ITDC has started construction of a hotel at Gulmarg.

(b) The Central Government does not earmark any pre-determined amount to the State Governments for developing tourist infrastructure. Proposals received from the State Governments are examined on merits and amounts sanctioned according to priorities. Several proposals have been received from the State Government. Their details are still to be worked out.

Construction of FCI godown at Jammu

139. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a major FCI godown at Jammu in order to improve the supply position of foodgrains in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Food Corporation of India to improve food supply position in the Jammu and Kashmir State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Food Corporation of India is constructing additional storage capacity of 5,000 tonnes for foodgrains at Jammu.

(b) In order to improve the food supply position in Jammu and Kashmir, the following steps have been taken by the Corporation during the last three years:—

(1) additional storage capacity of 11,680 tonnes has been constructed in Jammu and Kashmir;

(2) a storage capacity of 50,000 tonnes at Pathankot in Punjab is being utilised to meet the requirements of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(3) movement of foodgrains by road from Punjab to Jammu and Kashmir has been improved significantly.